



Edwin Scott MacGillan

January 1, 1940 - September 7, 2026

Chicago, Illinois

On September 7, 2026, Edwin Scott MacGillan died at home in Chicago. He was 86. He was born on January 1, 1940 in a Latvian-American family that measured love in finished chores. Young, he understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

He kept grounds that held neighbors and weather with equal care. A cemetery map pencil worn bright meant the place still belonged to everyone. Colleagues still mention a cemetery map pencil.

He married Nancy in 1962. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Nancy died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Chicago, among streets he never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

A memorial gathering in Chicago with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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